The criteria for Eleventh Plan, inter-alia, includes improved access to essential services in health, education (including skill development) and infrastructure especially for the poor, which is essential to ensure inclusiveness and also to support rapid growth. The effort of the planning process aims at enabling backward regions to substantially overcome the disadvantages they labour under and to provide at least a certain minimum standard of services for the citizens. Reducing regional imbalances and promoting inclusive growth has indeed been a vital objective of the planning process.

*407. [Withdrawan]

National mission on monuments and antiquities

*408. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the documentation of India's vast trove of ancient idols and sculptures under the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities would be completed;

(b) whether "Carbon Dating of idols" is done in all cases issuing "Non-antiquity" certificates; and

(c) whether "sight and experience" are the main determinants in majority of such cases or some basic norms about issuing "Non-antiquity" certificate have been prescribed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) The National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) was launched in March 2007. Its mandate includes preparation of a National Register for Built Heritage, Sites and Antiquities and setting up of State level database on Built Heritage, Sites and Antiquarian Wealth for information and dissemination to planners, researchers, etc. and for better management of such cultural resources.

The time-frame prescribed for the NMMA to accomplish its mandate is five years.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Besides, sight and experience other determinants such as art styles, inscriptions, decorative motifs, material used etc. are taken in consideration while issuing "Non-antiquity" certificates.

Emancipation programmes

†*409. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry only implements the emancipation programmes for the people under its aegis or it also looks after the complaints regarding harassment of these people;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the effective steps taken by his Ministry, so far, to change social attitude towards these people, especially the Scheduled Castes;

(c) whether 'dalit' word is appropriate; and

(d) whether 'dalit Muslim' or 'dalit Christian' does not create a confusion?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) The Ministry and its associated organizations, *inter-alia*, look into grievances of persons belonging to the Ministry's target groups.

(b) The Ministry implements programmes for educational and economic empowerment of Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and persons with disability. In addition, there are components under various schemes of the Ministry for awareness generation. Under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, the Ministry provides financial assistance, to State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which implement the Acts, *inter-alia*, for awareness generation and incentive for inter-caste marriages, where one of the spouse is a member of a Scheduled Caste.

(c) and (d) Propriety of usage is a matter of subjective opinion, and depends, *inter alia*, on the context.

Grant-in-aid for disabled and old age home schemes

*410. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any cut in the grant-in-aid for the disabled and old age home schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State wise, especially in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details for the current year compared to the last three years, year-wise and State-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken to grant full aid to each scheme under the Ministry, especially for the minority Muslims, SC/ST projects in the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) to (c) The grant-in-aid provided to Non-governmental Organizations under various schemes including for disability and older persons was demand driven till 2006-07 and no State-wise allocations were fixed for this purpose. From 2007-08 onwards, indicative notional allocations are being fixed State-wise under the Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme and the Scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons, among others, to ensure equitable allocation of funds to NGOs located in various States/UTs, so that services to these groups are provided in as many States, as possible. Statements indicating grant-in-aid released under the two schemes in the last three years and in the current year up to 14.12.2009 are enclosed as Statement-I and II (*See* below).